

Like this plain round dance. What they call this Woman Dance. Same kind.

(Did they have drummers?)

No drummers. Just singing. No drum.

(Did anybody ever pray aloud or make any kind of talk?)

Yeah, yeah. They talk. Prayed and encouraged people and arouse their faith. And they always had some supreme power-- They always said, "Our Father," --he.sunanin was the word used in connection with this faith was centered. That's the only word I ever hear--hé.sunanin--our father. And they used to say--in fact one of those songs had the words in it, "Our father flies around the world." Probably meant spirit, or whatever it meant, but that's what the word was. And when they pray they always use that same term. hesunana. ae.nihahut --means "Circles the earth" "Flies encircling the earth." I've heard that many many times. There was no give-away--no meals to eat--just dance, dance, dance.

(You mean they danced all day long?)

Oh, all day long. Sometimes all night. But the people lived more lives. You didn't see no girls running, no drunk. Only the soldiers from Fort Reno would come out. They'd wear their army gray blankets them days, you know. Infantry blankets were gray. They had their ponies there, and there was some cavalry. And while they was dancing they'd come out some of them drinking, but it wouldn't be long before some of the Indian committee would tell 'em to step back or else behave. They didn't cause no disturbance.

(These were soldiers from Fort--?)

Indian scouts.

(When Sitting Bull was bringing this religion down here, what did he tell the people about it? What was different about it, or what was the nature of it?)

Well, the way at that age--I was about eight years old--way I understood it came to our tent. They said, "Sitting Bull's here. He's brought a dance." We call those Paiutes 'Rabbit Robe Indians.' Because, in Utah and Idaho they have what they call ;jackalopes." You've heard of them haven't you?

(What?)

Jackalopes. They're big jack rabbits that grows about that tall. And they have two